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PATENT  
Docket No. PD-201151  
CUSTOMER NO.: 020991

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ernest C. Chen, et al.

Serial No. : 10/068,047

Filed: February 5, 2002

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SATELLITE  
COMMUNICATIONS USING ON-ORBIT PAYLOAD  
CONFIGURATION AND RECONFIGURATION

Date: July 13, 2005

Group Art Unit: 2631

Examiner: Juan A. Torres

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

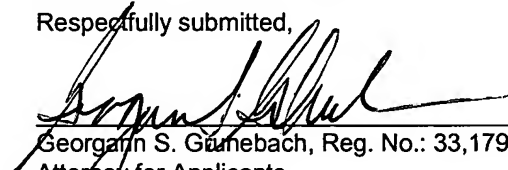
X No additional fee for claims is required.

X The claims have been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	37	minus	37*	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	\$	-0-
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	3**	=	0	x	\$ 200.00	\$	-0-
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					0	+	\$ 360.00	\$	-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$	<u>-0-</u>

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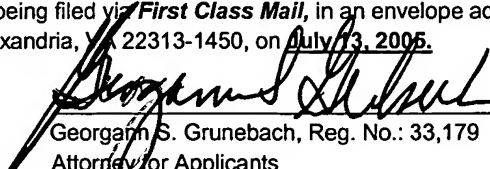
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